

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
 - a) a semiconductor layer that is provided over an insulation layer;
 - b) a plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ bipolar transistors that are provided on the semiconductor layer ~~in a state that such that~~ collectors, emitters and bases of the bipolar transistors ~~are~~ respectively connected in parallel with each other; and
 - c) an isolation that is provided ~~on the~~ over a main surface of the semiconductor layer to reach the insulation layer, and provided such that the isolation surrounds a group of or the whole of the plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ bipolar transistors, such that the surrounded transistors operate substantially uniformly as constituent elements of a unit transistor.
2. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein

~~a resistor is~~ resistors are electrically connected to each emitter the emitters of the plurality of the same kind of bipolar transistors, respectively.

3. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 2, wherein

each resistor is comprised of polycrystalline silicon.

4. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind of~~ mutually adjacent bipolar transistors is a minimum distance between the transistors.

5. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind of~~ mutually adjacent bipolar transistors is 1 μm or more.

6. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

- a) a semiconductor layer that is provided over an insulation layer;
- b) a plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ bipolar transistors that are provided on the semiconductor layer ~~in a state that~~ such that collectors, emitters and bases of the bipolar transistors are ~~respectively~~ connected in parallel with each other;
- c) resistors ~~each of which is~~ are electrically connected to each ~~corresponding~~ ones of the plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ bipolar transistors; and
- d) an isolation that is provided ~~on~~over the main surface of the semiconductor layer to reach the insulation layer, and provided such that the isolation surrounds a group of or the whole of the plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ bipolar transistors, such that the surrounded transistors operate substantially uniformly as constituent elements of a unit transistor.

7. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein

each resistor is comprised of polycrystalline silicon.

8. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind of~~ mutually adjacent bipolar transistors is a minimum distance between the transistors.

9. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind of~~ mutually adjacent bipolar transistors is 1 μm or more.

10. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a) a semiconductor layer that is provided over an insulation layer;

b) a plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ first bipolar transistors that are provided in a first region over a portion of the semiconductor layer in a state such that collectors of the first bipolar transistors are connected in parallel with each other, emitters of the first bipolar transistors are connected in parallel with each other, and bases of the first bipolar transistors are connected in parallel with each other;

c) a first isolation that is provided in the main surface of the semiconductor layer to reach the insulation layer, and provided such that the isolation surrounds a group of or the whole of the plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ ~~the first~~ bipolar transistors in the first region, such that the surrounded first bipolar transistors operate substantially uniformly as constituent elements of a first unit transistor;

d) a plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ second bipolar transistors that are provided in a second region over a portion of the semiconductor layer in a state such that collectors of the second bipolar transistors are connected in parallel with each other, emitters of the second bipolar transistors are connected in parallel with each other, and bases of the second bipolar transistors are connected in parallel with each other; and

e) a second isolation that is provided in the main surface of the semiconductor layer to reach the insulation layer, and provided such that the isolation surrounds each of the plurality of ~~the same kind of~~ the second bipolar transistors in the second region, such that the surrounded second bipolar transistors operate substantially uniformly as constituent elements of a second unit transistor.

11. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein

~~a resistor is~~ resistors are electrically connected to each emitter the emitters of the plurality ~~of the same kind~~ of the first and second bipolar transistors, respectively.

12. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein

each resistor is comprised of polycrystalline silicon.

13. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind~~ of mutually adjacent first bipolar transistors is a minimum distance between the transistors.

14. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind~~ of mutually adjacent bipolar transistors is 1 μm or more.

15. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein

a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind of~~ mutually adjacent first bipolar transistors is equal to a distance between a contact hole for a base and a contact hole for a collector ~~of the same kind of~~ mutually adjacent second bipolar transistors.

16. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein

an optimum current value of the first bipolar transistor is larger than an optimum current value of the second bipolar transistor.

17. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 16, wherein

a permissible maximum current value of the first bipolar transistor is larger than a permissible maximum current value of the second bipolar transistor by 1.5 times or more.

18. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 10, wherein

the first bipolar transistor constitutes a circuit that requires a heat radiation characteristic that is larger than a heat radiation characteristic of the second bipolar transistor, and the second bipolar transistor constitutes a circuit that requires a higher speed than that of the first bipolar transistor.